

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-67 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Applicant's claimed invention differs from the prior art of record, because applicant claims a method of operating a computer device to process a document in a workflow system, the method in the computer device comprising: detecting when a document is at a place in a first workflow network that allows attachment of workflow networks associated with the document to the place of the first workflow network, the first workflow network specifying a plurality of operations to be performed on the document including a first operation and a second operation, the place occurring at a location in the first workflow network after the first operation and before the second operation is performed on the document; determining, when the document is at the place that allows attachment of workflow networks associated with the document, if a second workflow network specified by the document is permitted to be attached to the place of the first workflow network, the second workflow network specifying one or more operations to be performed on the document; and if the second workflow network specified by the document is permitted to be attached to the place of the first workflow network, attaching the second workflow network to the place of the first workflow network such that the document is processed according to the second workflow network before returning, upon completion of processing of the document according to the second workflow, to the place of the first workflow network to continue processing of the

document according to the first workflow network before the second operation specified by the first workflow network is performed on the document wherein the first workflow network comprises a first Petri net and the second workflow comprises a second Petri net.

This differs from the prior art of record in that the present invention determines if a workflow attachment is permitted to be placed in the network. Additionally the present invention operates in a Petri net and comprises a second Petri net, the insertion of a second network for document operations into a first network. The processes in the second network are completed to return to complete the process in the first network. The present invention also differs in that they are now exclusively used for the processing of document unlike other workflows which are used for production operations and the management of other workflow processes. Applicant also presented additional in remarks dated 6/12/2007. Therefore for the reasons presented above in addition to those reasons presented by the applicant.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See attached Notice of references cited (if appropriate).

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